IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Gary Seria	application of: K. Michelson, M.D. Il No: (Cont. of 09/772,309) : September 23, 2003 EXPANDABLE PUSH-IN ARCUATE INTERBODY SPINAL FUSION IMPLANT WITH TAPERED CONFIGURATION DURING INSERTION	Prior Application Information:	22386 U.S.				
Con P.O.	PATENT APPLICATION Inmissioner for Patents . Box 1450 candria, VA 22313-1450						
Dear	Sir:						
	CONTINUING APPLI	CATION TRANSMITTAL					
	smitted herewith for filing is a \boxtimes Continuation \square [R. § 1.53(b) of prior patent application No. 09/772,	Divisional ☐Continuation-In-Part application under 37 309, filed January 29, 2001.					
	Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27. 46 total application pages including specification, claims (96 total and 1 independent), and abstract are enclosed.						
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\boxtimes	A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney	from the prior application is enclosed.					
	The entire disclosure of the prior application, fror considered a part of the disclosure of the accomphereby incorporated by reference. The incorporated been inadvertently omitted from the submitted approximately.	panying continuation or divisional application and is ation can only be relied upon when a portion has					
\boxtimes	14 sheets of formal drawings (A4 paper; Figs. 1-2	23) are enclosed.					
	The prior application is assigned of record to:	*					
		o at least one of the following: MARTIN & FERRARO, LLI Ferraro, Reg. No. 37,129; and Todd M. Martin, Reg. No.					
	☐ The power appears in the original [Declaration of the prior application.					
	Since the power does not appear in in the prior application is enclosed.	n the original Declaration, a copy of the power					
	A certified copy of Patent Application No § 119 is enclosed.	filed from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.	C.				
	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and Form Amend the specification by rewriting paragraph 1 This is a This is a						



of which are incorporated herein by reference .--.

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An Amendment is enclosed.

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ITEM		TOTAL NO. OF CLAIMS		NO. OF CLAIMS OVER BASE	LG/SM \$ ENTITY FEE		\$ AMOUNT	\$ FEE
Α	TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	96	-20	76	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$18	1,368	
В	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE*	1	-3	0	LG=\$84 SM=\$42	\$84	0	
С	SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE (ADD FINAL COLUMN IN LINES A + B)						\$ 1,368.00	
D	MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$280 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$140							\$ 0
E	BASIC FEE LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$750 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$375							\$ 750.00
F	TOTAL FILING FEE (ADD TOTALS FOR LINES C, D, AND E)						\$ 2,118.00	

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<u>PETITION FOR EXTENSION</u>. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application, Serial No. 09/772,309, filed January 29, 2001, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 50-1066. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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Serial No.: (Cont. of 09/772,309)) (Group Art Unit: 3738)
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For: EXPANDABLE PUSH-IN ARCUATE)
INTERBODY SPINAL FUSION IMPLANT)
WITH TAPERED CONFIGURATION)
DURING INSERTION)

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Sir:

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I hereby certify that:

- 1. Rule 1.53(b) Continuing Application Transmittal Form (in duplicate; \$2,118.00 filing fee charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1066)
- 2. 46 total application pages including specification, claims (96 total and 1 independent), and abstract
- 3. Copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney from prior application
- 4. 14 sheets of formal drawings (A4 paper; Figs. 1-23)
- 5. Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449.
- 6. Self-addressed return postcard receipt

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